

COBB COUNTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

NEWSLETTER

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection Facility

The General Aviation U.S. Customs Facility continues to serve aircraft arriving from all over the world. So far the two most distant non-stop arrivals have been from Stockholm, Sweden and Santiago, Chile.

Cobb County had been pursuing using the Customs Facility as a means to become a “Gateway to DCA” Airport, a program that allows general aviation aircraft to fly into DCA. Unfortunately the TSA has responded that the CBP Officers are not authorized to conduct the requisite pre-departure inspections and TSA would not offer the service.

Additionally the airport has been pursuing “Gateway to Cuba” authorization. The local CBP Office has forwarded the request to CBP Washington for consideration. If approved, flights could depart RYY direct to Cuba.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has provided the following information to assist pilots in requesting Overflight Exemptions:

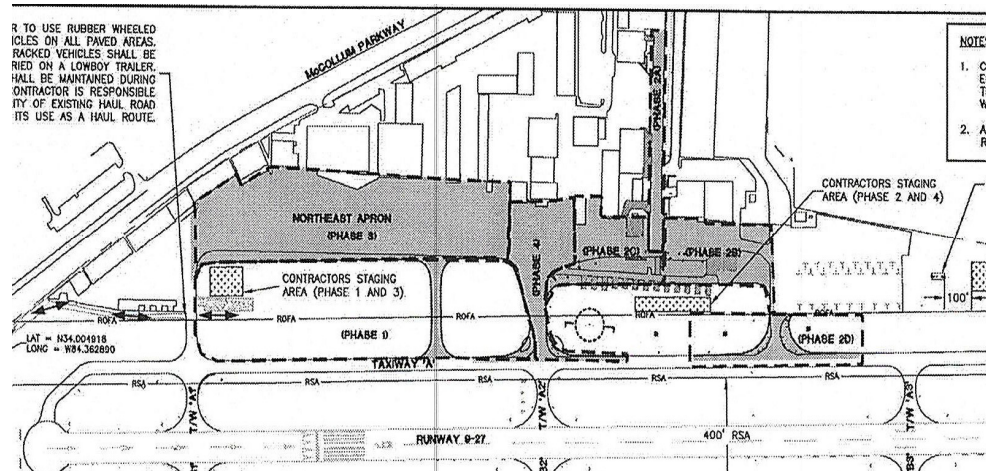
When requesting an Overflight Exemption an Email is sent to atloverflight@cbp.dhs.gov with the following information:

- ☐ Tail Number of Plane
- ☐ Type of Plane
- ☐ Color Scheme of Plane
- ☐ Pilot's / Crew Full Name Date of Birth Citizenship
- ☐ Name of Company/Owner w/address and Point of Contact phone number or Email



North Apron Rehabilitation and Expansion Project

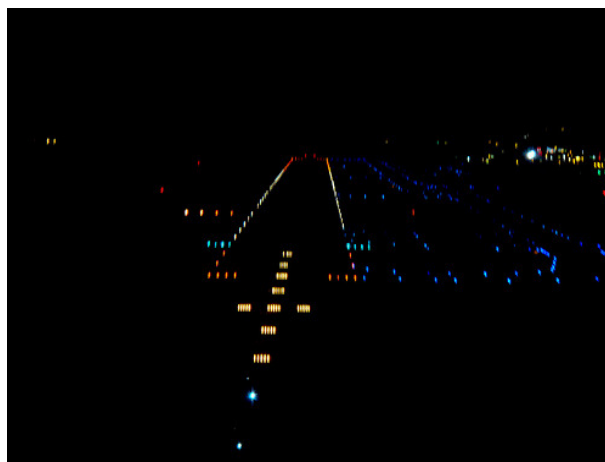
The North Apron Project was recently rebid and the FAA and State have approved funding the bid for the improvements to the north apron. The four month project is expected to start in late June or early July. The first phase of the project will see the construction of a new taxiway connector between Taxiway A and the north apron west of A2. Then work will begin on rehabilitating and expanding the north apron between the restaurant and eastward to the control tower. The rehabilitation of the apron west of the restaurant is not funded in this project and will be addressed in a future project. The old rotating beacon will be removed by the contractor during this project.



Medium Approach Lighting System – with Sequenced Flasher (MALSF)

The State has offered a grant to cover 75% of the costs for installation of a MALSF to Runway 27. A qualified bid was recently received. Construction is expected to begin in late June or early July. During the 3 month project, it will be necessary for the runway to be closed overnight for several nights as work is conducted near the threshold of the runway. Every effort will be given to provide a minimum of 72 hours notice of a 10pm to 6am runway closing.

The local Town Center Area Community Improvement District funded the design of the system.

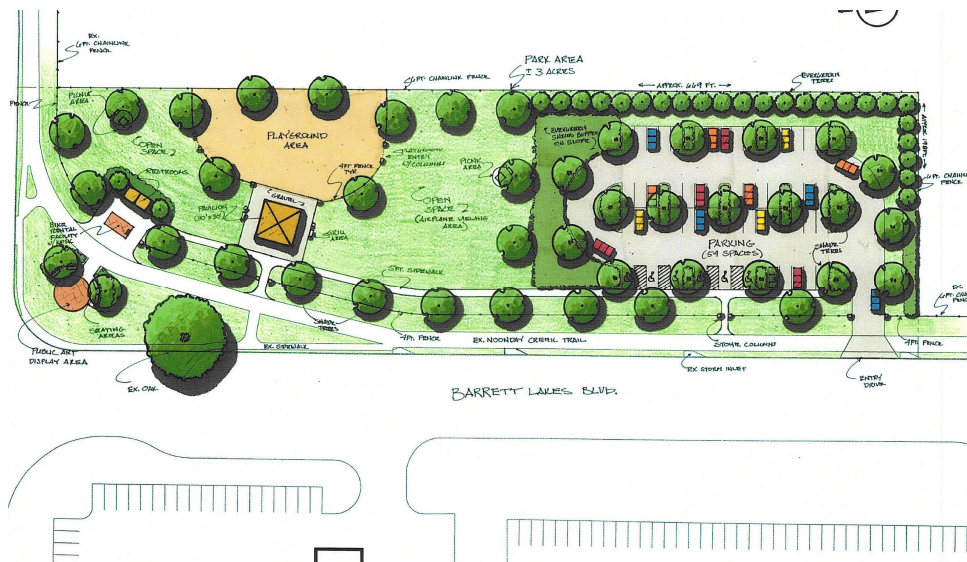


Town Center CID Aviation Noonday Creek Trail Park

The County recently approved a proposal by the Town Center Community Improvement District (TCCID) to construct an aviation park on airport property. It is to be located at the corner of Barrett Lakes Boulevard and Cobb Place Boulevard. The approximate three acre park concept will serve as an observation area for the public to view aircraft landing and taking off, and will also serve as a trail park for Noonday Creek Trail.

TCCID will secure 100 percent of the design and construction costs for development of the proposed aviation park through a combination of TCCID allocated funding and philanthropic contributions to the Town Center Community Alliance.

The new Zagster Bike Rental operation already on the corner of Barrett Lakes Blvd and Cobb Place Blvd. is currently a very popular rental location.



Airport Master Plan Update

The Airport Strategic Planning Board continues to review information as part of the Airport Master Plan Update process. The Airport Board is advising the County on developing an appropriate plan for the future development of the airport. The Master Plan Update includes identifying the needs over the next 20 years, evaluating potential development options, and identifying airfield improvements needed to meet FAA development/safety standards.

New Entrance A – Access Gate

The Access Gate at Entrance A has been activated. Those with access cards that are authorized to use Gate A will be able to use their card to open the gate. There is also a callbox located at the Gate to provide access to those without access card privileges.

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